Ragi		500 paras
Field beans		Not harvested as the crop failed due to too much rain
Potatoes (28 acres)		3½ tons
Do.	2 „	1¾ „
Do.	41 „	24½ „

(*d*) The acreage and results of previous cultivation of the varieties are shown below.—

Cholam	It has not been cultivated in the farm before
Ragi (15 acres)	233 paras
Field beans	It has not been cultivated before
Potatoes (50 acres)	27 tons
Do. 85 „	31 „
Do. 75 „	30 „

(*e*) Cholam — April—May
Ragi — May—June
Field beans — May—June

ROAD NEAR KUNNAMKULAM SIRKAR GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

443. **Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is not the road running east to west just in front of the Sirkar Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam too narrow with very deep gutters on either side;

(*b*) is not that road very unsafe for young school going children to travel, when there is vehicular traffic;

(*c*) is not that road very muddy with deep ruts during rainy season?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):*

(*a*) The road is somewhat narrow but the gutters are not very deep. Steps are being taken to widen and metal the road.

(*b*) The road cannot be considered as unsafe.

(*c*) It becomes muddy during heavy rains.

Mr. President: Order, order, the time for questions and answers is over.

2. Raising a Point of Order

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I raise a point of order, Sir. Yesterday, when it was announced that the undisposed part of Government business of yesterday will be carried over to to-day, and papers in accordance with that were distributed, I just put forward a suggestion to the Hon'ble Chair to understand why this encroachment upon the time allotted for non-official business was made. It is on that, that my point of order was raised. The paper on this encroachment reads like this:—

"Under S O.6 (1) of the Cochin Legislative Council Standing Orders, the Diwan has been pleased to direct that the official business left over at the conclusion of the sitting of the Council on 17th April 1947 will be taken up on Friday, 18th April 1947—that is to-day—a day set apart completely for non-official business—The non-official business posted for Friday will be taken up after the conclusion of official business on that day or on Saturday, the 19th April 1947—that is an encroachment upon so much of our time allotted for non-official business and that is of a long nature—if the official business does not terminate on Friday". So there is a further anticipation that the whole of Friday will be taken up for Government business and so on. Now no argument is necessary Sir, to show that this is an encroachment made by Government at the instance of the Diwan, upon the time—2 days—Friday and tomorrow—Saturday—set apart entirely for non-official business—which is to the extent three important Bills for introduction and as many as 160 resolutions most of them important—some of them slightly less so, that being the extent and volume of non-official business.

Mr. President: May I know what exactly is the point of order raised by the Hon'ble Member?.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The point of order raised here is this that nobody has any right to encroach upon the time originally set apart for non-official business for the conduct of official business and in support of that I may be permitted to invite your kind attention to Standing Order 6(1) which reads like this:—

"The Diwan after considering the state of business of the Council shall, at the commencement of each meeting, allot as many days as are in his opinion compatible with public interest for the business of the non-official members in the Council and may allot different days for the

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[Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan]

disposal of different classes of such business and may, from time to time during the meeting, alter such allotment and on these days such business shall have precedence. At all other times, Government business shall have precedence. At times when Government business has precedence the Secretary may arrange the business of the Council in such manner as the Diwan may direct". Now three out of five days have been set apart for Government business.

Now the point of order is that there is no right of encroachment upon non-official time—something unwarranted under the S.O. quoted in the paper given to us which is considered to have authorised the Diwan to so encroach upon the non-official business time is fully *ultra-vires*.

Mr. President: Am I to understand that the Diwan's directions are *ultra-vires*?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Yes, *ultra-vires*—I stress that—that is my case Sir.

Mr. President: I understand your point. The Diwan has exercised his powers under Standing Order 6(1) and it is in order.

3. Demands for Supplementary Grants—(contd.)

CUT MOTION

Mr: President: The Hon'ble memder Mr. Kumaran Ezhuthassan may continue his speech on the cut motion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Discussion—Motion No. 3, is it not?

Mr. President: Yes. To urge on the Government to have only one cadre of Sub-Inspectors, etc., etc.

Mr. K. S. Raghavan (*Secretary to Govenment*): The position of revision of pay of all the services under Government is under the active consideration of Government. No separate consideration is possible at this stage. The Chief Secretary to Government has already explained the position.

Mr. President: Do you press that?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): I want to reply to him. Now the Secretary has shoved on the burden to the Chief Secretary and his explanations of yesterday namely that this attempt at revising the pay of an important service *viz.*, the Police, may not be taken up as a piecemeal business, but may as well lie over till the disposal of the Pay Revision Committee's efforts and to the Cabinet's exertions in that line. Now, Sir, the question of revision of pay was in the air for the last one year and more, various promises in that line had been made—a good many of them have been broken—a certain others have been conformed to partly, with the result that we had instead a skeleton of revision prepared by experts of the Government promised to be placed before the Council and not carried out, but satisfied with the appointment of a non-official Committee of this House consisting of three members going through that skeleton prepared by experts. They have also finished their work, but in an answer given to a certain question yesterday we are told that the consideration of this skeleton report of the expert committee is still pending with the non-official committee which we know is not a factand that answer is just consistent with various other answers of the Government. We for at fact know Sir, that this non-official Committee's report was before the Cabinet which for various multifarious other activities of theirs in other regions and here also could not do justice to the consideration of this all important subject which affects the whole service—because of their other activities—the Cabinet, I understand, has not finished its work upon this. I also understand that last week the Association of the non-Gazetted Officers have served a notice upon the Government to the effect that unless the business is expedited—of course that does not seem to be a threat—because they are servants—and servants not of a Firm—servants of a mighty Government—therefore they have cautiously worded of course—we may be constrained to think of something other than this sort of petitions—clever persons they are—I congratulate them on the method adopted—that is the stage at which this pay revision business stands. I also have my apprehensions in my mind that the Cabinet is not likely, with their previous record, to finish this business anywhere in the near future. Therefore the Government's attitude that they have appointed a Committee for the revision of pay—whether it be an attender in the Hospital getting a big sum of Rs. 10 or a schoolmaster or any other, the slogan "the Pay Revision Committee" is not an answer. And therefore, I am not in the least satisfied with the Government position expounded by them yesterday and to-day. Therefore, my submission is—one more point I want to stress is this—it has been argued by Government that this may as well lie over till the pay revision question is considered. I am not disclosing any official secret—most of which have leaked out—what is the position of the Pay Revision Committee and the grade with regard to

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